CHILD NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN No.: 97-357		
то:	Summer Food Service Program Sponsors and Commercial Food Service Vendors	ISSUE DATE: March 1997
FROM:	Summer Food Service Program Unit	
ATTENTION:	Authorized Representatives	
SUBJECT:	Debarment of Sun-Diamond Growers of California	
REFERENCES:	USDA APB: CNP-97-16	

On December 18, 1996, the Agriculture Marketing Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, debarred Sun-Diamond Growers of California (Sun-Diamond), an agricultural marketing cooperative owned by other cooperatives which grow, process, package, market and sell dried fruits and nuts, for a period of three years, ending October 2, 1999.

The proposed debarments have immediate effect and prohibit all of the listed entities and individuals from entering into, renewing, or extending any Federal nonprocurement covered transactions (those expected to equal or exceed \$100,000) or Federal procurement transactions including Food and Consumer Service programs. These entities and individuals are not excused from the performance of obligations under contracts or other transactions which are in existence at this time, but are prevented from any further such contracts and transactions during the debarment period.

The following is the list of debarred officials and affiliates of Sun-Diamond:

Diamond Growers of California (Diamond Growers)
Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc. (Diamond Walnut)
Sun-Maid Growers of California (Sun-Maid)
Sunsweet Growers, Inc. (Sunsweet)
Valley Fig Growers (Valley Fig)
Hazelnut Growers of Oregon (Hazelnut Growers)
Sunland Products of California (Sunland Products)

William Cuff - Diamond Walnut
Joseph Garcia, Jr. - Sun-Maid
Earl L. Giacolini - Sunsweet
William Hosie - Diamond Walnut
Harold Jackson - Sunsweet
Barry Kriebel - Sun-Maid
Robert McAuley - Valley Fig
Peter Penner - Sun-Maid
Fred Schaeffer - Sunsweet
William Waggershauser - Diamond Walnut
William Beaton - Sun-Diamond
Larry Busboom - Sun-Diamond
Nicholas Tummer - Sun-Diamond

Suspension and Debarment Information is included in each Invitation to Bid and Contract package. Please ensure that these procedures outlined in the information is adhered to in dealing with the debarred officials and affiliates.

If you have any further questions regarding this Bulletin, please call Joye Mcketty, Child Nutrition Consultant, of the Summer Food Service Program Unit at (916) 323-0213 or the toll free number (800) 333-5675.

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